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## BETHEL LOCALS.

Clarence Hall came home from  
Berlin this morning.

We have heard it suggested that  
the reason the street lamps are not  
lighted on the darkest nights is  
because the lamp lighter cannot  
find the lamp posts.

Miss Alice Russell is teaching  
her third term of school at Middle  
Interval. She has been very suc-  
cessful and is much liked.

A pension of eight dollars a  
month has been allowed the  
widow of Fernando S. Bennett  
through the Bethel Pension  
Agency of J. G. Rich.

Judge Foster commenced Knox  
County Court this week at Rock-  
land. It is expected to occupy  
about three weeks, and some im-  
portant cases will be tried.

The Robinson Dramatic Co. play  
in Odeon Hall all of next week.  
This company are well spoken of  
in the towns north of here, and we  
think they will draw good houses  
here.

The best Dictionary ever pub-  
lished in America will be of much  
worth to the one who wins it, but  
the name of being the most pop-  
ular teacher in Oxford County will  
be worth more.

Ceylon Rowe has returned from  
Boston, and is putting in a large  
stock of goods suitable for the  
holidays. He will make low prices  
on ladies' jackets and capes to close  
out this season's goods.

Miss Eva Twaddle went to Farm-  
ington last Monday to attend  
school. Miss Twaddle is one of  
our bright young ladies, and is  
followed to her school by a host of  
good wishes from her many friends  
here.

## TO-NIGHT.

Prof. W. S. Wight and his sing-  
ing class give their closing con-  
cert in Patten's Hall this evening. They  
will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G.  
I. Burnham of Gilead, and other  
popular soloists. A fine entertain-  
ment has been arranged, and the  
concert will be an excellent one.

## Wedding.

Mr. C. C. Lovejoy, one of Bethel's  
popular young men, was last Wed-  
nesday united in marriage to Miss  
Susie Pauline Kimball, at Deering,  
Me. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy arrived  
in Bethel Saturday, and they will  
remain here a few days before go-  
ing to Andover to live. Their  
many friends wish them a long  
and happy life, and extend hearty  
congratulations.

## Scene in a Jury Room.

The entertainment to be given  
at Odeon Hall on Saturday even-  
ing of this week, under the able  
management of the Ladies' Club  
of the Congregational church,  
promises to be a really unique  
affair, and judging from the irre-  
pressible laughter that greets any  
mention of the "Scene in the Jury  
Room" among the "initiated," it  
will be something funny in the  
extreme. The ladies of this Club  
are well known to be perfectly  
staid and decorous, but of their  
husbands and other gentlemen  
friends who are included in the  
cast of characters, it may very  
properly be doubted if the same  
will be said after their appearance  
on the boards Saturday evening.  
Think not for a moment that the  
affair is to be one of the old "trials  
by Jury" that have for untold gen-  
erations appealed to the cackling  
proclivities of long-suffering  
audiences. Far be it from the  
Ladies' Club to present any-  
thing savouring of staidness  
before the enlightened populace of  
Bethel. No, no! It is to be a  
representation of the deliberations  
of the first jury composed entirely  
of women jurors, in the privacy of  
the jury room, pending the an-  
nouncement of the verdict, whether  
for or against the waiting prisoner.  
The price of admission is very  
small, and you cannot afford to  
miss an evening's enjoyment that  
will cause you the most hearty  
laugh you have enjoyed for a year.  
The spectacle of Mr. John M.  
Philbrook posing as the comfort-  
able and motherly Bathsheba  
Jones, and of Dr. J. G. Gehring in  
his imitable personification of  
Mrs. Bridget O'Flaherty, will be  
something truly remarkable, to  
say nothing of the shining of the  
lesser lights. On the first page  
will be found the entire cast of  
characters.

## The costumes will be "fearfully and wonderfully" gotten up, the "Scene in a Jury Room," laugh- able in the original, will be im- proved upon by numberless bright ideas and happy local "hits," and taken as a whole, most strongly appeal to the risibility of every spectator.

Place well in mind the time and  
place—Saturday evening, Decem-  
ber 12th, at eight o'clock, in Odeon  
Hall.

# Holiday Hints.

This is a puzzling time—a time that taxes the thoughts of  
most people in regard to Christmas gifts. Let me try and help  
you by a few suggestions. In the first place I want to impress  
on your mind my store is headquarters for Holiday Goods.  
Though I cannot mention all, here are a few suitable presents.

Link Buttons, Sterling Coffee Spoons, Bronches,  
Watch Chains, Sterling Bon-Bon Spoons, Babies Dress Buttons,  
Lorgnette Chains, Bon Bon Dress Pins, Cups and Saucers,  
Eye Glass Chains, Cream Ladles, Gilt Buttons,  
Mantel Clocks, Cold Meat Forks, Gilt Thimbles,  
Gold Watches, Sardine Forks, Silver Markers,  
Silver Watches, Olive Forks, Bag Checks,  
Boys' Watches, Bon Bon Dishes, Stamp Boxes,  
Stone Rings, Tooth Pick Holders, Card Receivers,  
Band Rings, Engraved Rings, Opera Glasses,

And many other pretty and useful articles, and all the best  
quality you can get for the price. I shall be pleased to hold and  
deliver on Christmas Eve anything you may select at this time.  
Call and see my stock whether you purchase or not.

## Edward King, The Jeweler.

Main Street,  
Near Station,  
Bethel.

## STATE NEWS.

F. W. Hunt, a widely known  
sewing machine man of Norway,  
died Dec. 2. He is survived by a  
brother and sister.

More than 2,000 people earn a  
living in Paris by fortune telling,  
and their total yearly earnings are  
estimated at \$2,000,000.

On account of the deficiency in  
the Australian crop, that country  
has ordered fifty thousand tons of  
four from America, and as much  
more will be needed.

After a courtship of 30 years,  
Chas. Baldwin and Elizabeth Shav  
of Gray, were united in marriage  
the 18th of Nov. The proverb, "Bet-  
ter late than never," applies in  
this case.

On account of the European de-  
mand for wheat, the grain is being  
shipped there in large quantities.  
A large fleet sailed from California  
last week with cargoes valued at a  
million dollars.

Ruskin once said: "Do not  
think of others' faults; in every  
person who comes near you look  
for that which is good and strong; honor  
that, rejoice in it, and, as you can,  
try to imitate it."

The new Methodist Church at  
Norway was dedicated Nov. 27  
with sermons by Rev. J. A. Corey,  
presiding elder of the Lewiston  
district, and Rev. F. C. Rogers of  
Portland, both former pastors of  
the church.

Fred Bunt, who escaped from the  
Auburn jail last Monday, was cap-  
tured at Bryant's Pond, Wednes-  
day. He came upon the Grand Trunk  
bare-headed. He attempted to es-  
cape by jumping from the moving  
train, but was prevented by a  
brakeman.

Mrs. Cleveland is adding to her  
accomplishments a thorough  
course in French. Her tutor, who  
is one of the most proficient  
linguists in Washington, calls at  
the White House three times a  
week. This strengthens the idea  
that upon retiring from the Presi-  
dency, Mr. Cleveland may make an  
extensive tour abroad.

While cleaning an attic the  
other day, a Portland scrub wo-  
man found an old set of false teeth  
which were immediately taken to  
the lady of the house and permis-  
sion to take and wear them, asked.  
Permission was granted, but the  
mistress' eyes filled with tears at  
thoughts of departed ones as she  
gazed on the teeth.

An Oxford county apple grower  
sold a lot of apples to go to Mass-  
achusetts. In one barrel he  
put a note saying he had several  
hundred barrels of Baldwin's to  
sell. In a few days he received an  
offer for a car-load of apples at  
\$1.00 per barrel, delivered at South  
Paris depot. As apples at that  
time are selling at 75 cents per  
barrel in the home market, we  
imagine the offer was accepted.

## Payson Tucker Removed.

The people of Maine will be  
greatly surprised at, and will de-  
eply regret, the removal of Payson  
Tucker as Vice President and Gen-  
eral Manager of the Maine Central  
R. R. No reason is given for his  
removal, but surely it cannot be for  
a lack of business success, as the  
road, under his management, has  
been the pride of the state of  
Maine, while the stock has increas-  
ed from \$5.00 per share to stock  
which is yielding six per cent.  
dividends. Mr. Tucker has spent his  
whole life as a rail-road man. He  
began his work at the age of 18 on  
the old Portland, Saco and Port-  
smouth road; later he was associat-  
ed with the Eastern, from which  
he went to the Maine Central in  
1876 as superintendent, which posi-  
tion he held until 1882, when he  
was promoted to Vice President  
and General Manager.

Mr. Tucker will be succeeded by  
George F. Evans of Boston, known  
as a broad minded, public spirited  
man, deeply devoted to his pro-  
fession. He will at once make  
Portland his home and endeavor  
to identify himself with whatever  
will tend to the development and  
business interests of our state.

You can vote for a lady or a  
gentleman. See offer of dictionary  
in another column.

# WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR TEACHER IN OXFORD COUNTY?

EVERYBODY WILL BE ANXIOUS  
TO KNOW.

The Publishers of the Bethel News  
are going to give the People  
a chance to decide.

FOLLOWING IS THE PLAN.

As the long cold months come,  
and cheerless winter settles down  
upon us, we can appreciate a little  
excitement, and the publishers of  
the News have concluded to in-  
augurate a friendly voting con-  
test and give the people of Oxford  
County an opportunity to decide  
by popular vote who is the most  
successful and popular lady or  
gentleman school teacher now  
teaching in the County.

Votes can be cast for any teacher  
wherever they may reside, if he or  
she is now or has been teaching in  
this County during 1896.

Every issue of the News from  
now until Feb. 1st, 1897 will con-  
tain one vote, which can be filled  
out by any one for any teacher in  
the County and sent into the  
News office.

Extra papers will be  
on sale at the News office, G. R.  
Wiley's drug store and at Miss L.  
C. Hall's in Bethel, also at Stone's  
drug store, South Paris, and at C.  
A. Clifford's, Rumford Falls.

A new yearly subscription to the  
News, whether brought in by the  
teachers themselves or by some  
friend, will count 52 votes. A 6  
months subscription will count 26  
votes, and a 3 months subscrip-  
tion 13 votes.

25 votes will also be allowed for  
every dollar's worth of job printing  
actually obtained by any teacher or  
friend and brought to this office.

## THE PRIZE.

The teacher who on or before  
Feb. 1st, 1897, receives the greatest  
number of votes will be presented  
with a copy of Webster's Inter-  
national Dictionary. This is a  
new book from cover to cover. A  
complete revision of Webster's  
Unabridged Dictionary, the name  
of which is familiar to every  
teacher in America.

In addition to the Dictionary of  
words, with their pronunciation,  
spelling, etymology, etc., there is  
a valuable appendix comprising  
a pronouncing gazetteer of the  
world; vocabularies of Scriptural,  
Greek, Latin, and English proper  
names. A dictionary of the  
noted names of fiction; a brief  
history of the English language;  
a dictionary of foreign quotations.

A biographical dictionary with  
10,000 names; a classified selection  
of illustrations (filling 32 pages) etc.

The work of revision occupied  
over 10 years, more than 100 editors  
being employed, and over \$300,000  
expended before the first copy was  
printed.

The price of this book is \$14.00,  
and it is unquestionably the great-  
est work of the kind produced.

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# Children's Column.

Conducted by Lena B. Ellingwood.

We are pleased to receive contributions of all  
sorts, letters, stories, poems, etc., for this  
column, and all communications  
should be addressed to Mrs. A. B. Elling-  
wood, Bethel, Me.

## Mamie's Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa—  
I thought I would write you  
a nice little letter today.  
Ma says it never will reach you,  
'Cause you're thousands of miles away  
From us poor folks in the alley.

But I don't much think she can know,  
For last year you got one from Sally,  
Who lives only two blocks below.

She asked for a doll, dressed in velvet,  
With eyes that would open and shut,  
One that would cry if you squeezed her,  
But, Santa, you must have forgot,

For you sent a live baby brother.  
She was somewhat 'spointed, I know;  
He allers cries without squealin',  
If Sally with me wants to go.

Now she just has to tend that baby,  
From morning almost until night,  
Her ma takes in people's washin';  
Her pa don't do much but get tight.

Last Christmas I hanged up my stockin',  
Where I 'spected sure you could see;  
And I euddled in bed nice and early,  
And kept just as still as could be.

Went asleep and was dreamin'—and  
dreamin'—  
Waked up, 'cause 'twas 'bout four,  
Thought I saw a light kinder shinin'.

In through the kitchen door,  
Crept out o' 'bed just as easy,  
'Cause I didn't want Santa to see;  
But 'twas only ma'sittin' sewin'.

On somethin' I knew was for me,  
I could see for sure she'd been cryin',  
'Cause the tears they was rollin' down  
some;

She didn't want me to be 'spointed,  
'Cause you had forgotten to come.  
So there in the nothin' I found it—  
A doll made of rags, stuffed with bran  
With a dress of pink calico on it;  
Dear Santa Claus, please, if you can,  
Send me a prettier 'lolly.

Than the rag one my ma for me made;  
Guess you may dress in rags, I  
Of blue, the best fullest shade.

Thought I'd just write and ask you,  
'Cause Christmas is drawin' so near;  
But don't send me any baby  
Like what you gave Sally last year.

West Bethel, I. E. S.

If I were you,  
If I were you, and had a friend  
Who called, a pleasant hour to spend,  
I'd be polite enough to say:  
'Ned, you may choose what games  
we'll play.'

If I were you, and went to school,  
I'd never break the smallest rule;  
And it should be my teacher's joy  
To say she had no better boy.

And 'twould be true  
If I were you.  
If I were you, I'd always tell  
The truth, no matter what befell,  
For two things only I despise:  
A coward heart, and telling lies,  
And you would, too,  
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Every evening at 8 p. m., Saturday matinee at 2 p. m. A change  
of programme nightly.

Tickets 15 and 25 Cents.

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Can be obtained in but few places,

## THE NEAREST YOU

can come to this in Oxford County is at  
the ware room of the BETHEL CHAIR CO.

where you can purchase fine

## OAK CHAMBERSUITS

FORMERLY SOLD FOR 40 TO \$50

FOR \$20. AND \$25.

We handle all our goods from first hands directly from Factory

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AT Spruce Boards, Joists, Lathes,

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Before purchasing, ex-  
amine our new line of  
stamped Doilies from 2 to  
70 cents.

## E. E. BURNHAM,

DEALER IN Millinery & Fancy Goods

## COLE BLOCK. BETHEL.

Store closed Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## The Cuban Rebellion.

Weyler is again on the march in  
search of rebel forces. There is  
nothing to indicate the whereabouts  
of Maceo's command, but it is  
thought that they are retreating  
before the advance of Gen. Weyler.  
They will probably keep within  
their mountain stronghold, where  
it is impossible for Weyler to cause  
them much trouble.

Edison says that Maceo has tons  
of dynamite and a score or more  
of men who know how to handle  
the explosive to the very best ad-  
vantage. As long as Maceo makes  
proper use of the dynamite he is  
likely to remain master of the situ-  
ation. One or two dynamite  
mines have already been exploded  
with great loss to the Spanish forces.

It is said that President Cleve-  
land will recommend in his  
message a plan for the ultimate  
emancipation of Cuba that will be  
honorable to Spain and the insur-  
gents and satisfactory to the United  
States and the rest of the world.

The plan is similar to the one so  
successful in bringing about the  
settlement of the Venezuelan ques-  
tion, the reference of the matter to  
a commission. The end of the re-  
bellion and an opportunity for  
Cuba to purchase her freedom  
would be the object of the commis-

sion.

## Liver Trouble Relieved.

East Fryeburg, Me., Nov. 17th,  
1896. For sick headache and rheu-  
matism I regard Hood's Sas-  
aparilla as the best medicine that  
can be obtained. My son has  
taken a number of bottles for  
liver trouble and has derived  
great benefit from it. He had a  
very poor appetite and Hood's  
Sarsaparilla has given him an  
appetite and made him feel  
stronger and better.

Mrs. Sarah Chadbourne.

# H. C. BARKE







